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October 7, 2003

Brig. General James E. Sehorn, USAF (Ret)  
Inspector General  
Office of the State Inspector General  
270 Washington St., SW, Room 8077  
Atlanta, GA 30344

Dear Inspector General Sehorn:

Please accept the Governor's Office of Highway Safety's ("GOHS") appreciation for the Office of the State Inspector General's ("IG") review of GOHS' operations and financial management.

In conjunction with the Financial Audit conducted by the Department of Audits and Accounts ("DAA"), the IG's review proved invaluable in identifying GOHS' need to develop internal controls to protect public funds. Inasmuch as approximately \$530,000.00 in State funds and in excess of \$10,000,000.00 in Federal grant funds are managed through this office for the next fiscal year, the oversight and recommendations provided by the IG's office have helped protect this sum of public funds.

The DAA's Financial Audit and IG's inspection have resulted in the corrective action noted in GOHS' response to the Audit. Importantly, GOHS has engaged a CPA to develop the internal controls needed to ensure the office meets State and Federal accounting guidelines. The CPA will also assess the skill sets of the financial personnel and make appropriate recommendations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at GOHS at any time.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Dallas  
Director

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Cc: Mr. Jim Lientz, C.O.O.  
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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Brig. General James E. Sehorn, Inspector General  
Office of the State Inspector General

FROM: Robert F. Dallas, Director *RFD*  
Governor's Office of Highway Safety

RE: GOHS Investigation File

Thank you for providing GOHS with the opportunity to review the IG's GOHS investigation file. The July 22, 2003 Memorandum of Record on page 66 of the IG file states "Dallas took exception to the fact he may be required to terminate certain contracts and grants because they may not have been done in accordance with State law."

So that there is no misunderstanding by any of GOHS' employees or any reviewing agency or public, as I stated then and restate now, no grant or contract from this office, whether existing or in the future, will be paid, continued or approved unless it meets all applicable State and Federal laws, regulations and requirements. My statements at the meeting were made to express the concern over effective contracts and grants having to be terminated and/or not renewed because they do not meet State law. I expressed concern over having to terminate or discontinue effective contracts and grants where the public, through the media, may not understand the reason for the termination or discontinuing the same. However, all contracts and grants will be required to adhere to the law.

I respectfully request this memorandum be placed in the IG's GOHS file next to the referenced page 66.

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